advertisement codes as applicable to Doordarshan. However, the Government is not in a position to impose such conditions or obligations on the TV channels uplinking their programmes from outside the country, as they are not bounded to seek permission or approval for downlinking. This situation has got further accentuated as these channels were earlier not permitted to uplink their programmes from India. In order to remove this anomaly, the Government has liberalized its uplinking policy recently enabling these channels to uplink their programmes from India, so as to bring them within the ambit of our rules and regulations particularly, the ones relating to the compliance with our porgramme and advertisement codes.

Kickbacks in Awarding Telecasting Rights of Cricket Matches

*113. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that like cricket match-fixing, lot of money has changed hands in awarding telecasting rights by Doordarshan of various Cricket Series including World Cup;

(b) if so, who are involved in this scam:

(c) what steps are being taken to bring the culprits to book; and

(d) whether Government are going to order CBI enquiry into this episode and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) No Sir. Prasar Bharati has intimated that Doordarshan did not award telecasting right to any other party.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Payment of Salaries to Employees of RIC and Cycle Corporation ETC.

*114. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the status of payment of monthly salaries to the employees of RIC, Cycle Corporation and Refractory Works of Burn Standard and Jessop; and

(b) the likely date of payment of unpaid salaries?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The employees of Rehabilitation Industries Corporation (RIC) and Cycle Corporation of India Ltd. (CCIL) have been paid salaries and wages upto the month of January, 2000. The employees of Refractory works of Burn Standard have been paid salaries and wages upto the month of April, 2000 and the employees of Jessop and Co. have been paid salaries and wages upto the month of February, 2000.

(b) Payment of salaries/wages is primarily the liability of the Company and is related to the generation of funds from its working. However, Govt. extends financial assistance to the companies for meeting their ways and means position to the extent possible within the budgetary constraints. Efforts are being made in this direction.

Jobs for Women and Disabled in NER

*115. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to create more jobs for women and disabled persons in the States of NER during the Ninth plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith amount fixed for this project, actually released and utilised, so far; and

(c) if not, the specific reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The Government of India have no such proposal. However, there are a number of schemes being implemented in various parts of the country, including North East region, which, *inter alia*, aim at providing jobs for the women and persons with disabilities. A statement is enclosed (*see* below).

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Statement

Jobs for women and Disabled in NER

Insofar as the person with disabilities are concerned, there is no proposal to create more jobs in the States of NER region in the Ninth Plan in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. However, during the current